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Application of: Peterson et al.

Serial No.: CPA of 08/986,186

Group Art Unit: 1631

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Examiner: J. Brusca

For: **METHODS FOR GENERATING AND
SCREENING NOVEL METABOLIC PATHWAYS**

Attorney Docket No.: 8757-009-999

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed June 14, 2001, please enter the following remarks below. Applicants submit concurrently herewith: (a) a Petition for Extension of Time to extend the due date for response for one month from September 14, 2001 to October 14, 2001 with the appropriate fee; (b) a marked-up version of the paragraph amended herein as Appendix A; and (c) a copy of the claims as pending in the present application as Appendix B.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

A marked up version of the following amended paragraph showing the amendments is attached hereto as Appendix A.

Please amend the specification to read as follows:

On page 1, please replace the first paragraph with the following: